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SUBJECT: FY-2007 Voluntary Visitor Program: Madame Sylvie  
Petit-Leclair. Request, recommendations, program suggestions

Post requests an enhanced Voluntary Visitors Program for Sylvie  
Petit-Leclair, a French citizen, Director of International  
Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance at the Paris Prosecutor  
General's Office. Country Clearance has been granted.

Bio Report:

Name: Mrs. Sylvie Petit Leclair  
Approximate Age:  
Date Of Birth: 05/26/1955  
Birth City: BarLeDuc  
Birth Country: France  
Country of Residence: France  
Country of Citizenship: France  
Smokes: N  
Willing to Drive: N  
Gender: F  
Marital Status: M  
  
Address 1: Cour d'Appel  
Address 2: 34 quai des Orfevres  
Address 3:  
City: Paris - Louvre  
Address Type: Business  
State:  
Province:  
Country: France  
Postal Code: 75055 SP  
Address 1: 87 rue Galieni  
Address 2:  
Address 3:  
City: Boulogne Billancourt  
Address Type: Home  
State:  
Province:  
Country: France  
Postal Code: 92100

Email Address: sylvie.petit-leclair@justice.fr  
Preferred: N

Phone: 00.33.1.44.32.61.89  
Phone Type: Phone  
Preferred: Y

Previous Foreign Travel:

Many tourism travels abroad.

Business trips:

2006 and 2005: United Kingdom - 2 days each time; Germany - 1 day each time

2006: Russia - 4 days; Croatia - 2 days every 3 months; Algeria - 8 days

2006, 2005, 2004, 2003: Spain - 1 or 2 days each time

2005: Morocco - 4 days

2003: Peru - 3 days; Hungary - 2 days

2002: Slovakia - 3 days

1996: Japan - 10 days

Education or Training:

1979-1981: French National School for Judges and Prosecutors

1977: Law degree - University of Nancy

Professional Memberships:

unknown

Special Considerations:

No Smoking

Previous Positions:

1999-2003 - Liaison Magistrate, the Netherlands

1995-1999 - Investigative Judge, First Instance Court, Versailles

1991-1995 - Judge, First Instance Court, Versailles

1984-1990 - Judge, County Court, Nanterre

1982-1984 - Judge, County Court, Pontoise

1981-1982 - Judge, County Court, Chartres

Publications:

- Articles in an encyclopedia about extradition and legal assistance matters

- Reports about the Dutch law

Roles and Responsibilities:

Title at Date of Entry:

Deputy Public Prosecutor, Appeals Court of Paris, since 2003

Title when Nominated:

Deputy Public Prosecutor, Appeals Court of Paris, since 2003

Previous US Travel:

2006: Washington, D.C. - business - 1 day

2001: Florida - tourism - 1 week

2000: New York - tourism - 1 week

1996: Washington - tourism - 1 week

1994: California - tourism - 2 weeks

1981: New York - tourism - 4 days

Native Language: French

English FSI Comprehension: 3

English FSI Reading: 3

English FSI Speaking: 3

Other Languages: None

Owner Country: FR

Position: Regional/State Judge

Interests:

Contact Last Uploaded Date: 26/01/2007

Contact Last Uploaded By: EVDB

Project Report:

Title: VOLVIS PROGRAM - SYLVIE PETIT-LECLAIR

ECA Project Number: E/VFE-2007-0184

Project Type: Individual

Program Type: Voluntary Visitors

Program Agency: na

Project Description: To expose participant to U.S. strategies to counter-terrorism and meet counterparts at State Department, Department of Justice, FBI Headquarters, etc...

Depart Post Date: na

Return Post Date: na

Session Date: 01/01/2100

Strategic Goal: Counter Terrorism

Subject: 9061

ECA Office: ECA/PE/V/F/E

Funding Source: na

Fiscal Year: 2007

GRPA Result/Impact Comment: na

Post Objectives: Post objectives and recommendations  
(part one out of 2)

Post would like to nominate Mrs. Sylvie Petit-Leclair for a ten-day enhanced VOLVIS Program in April 2007. Mrs. Petit-Leclair is a French citizen, Director of International Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance at the Paris Prosecutor General's Office, where she has served since 2003. She is in charge of international judicial assistance in criminal matters, including extradition requests. In this role of facilitating judicial cooperation between our two countries, she would greatly benefit from a deeper understanding of the U.S. judicial structure. She has expressed particular interest in obtaining greater knowledge of our criminal law system. The proposed program would allow her to engage in a comparative law analysis that can be used in her work, including facilitating bilateral cooperation in individual matters, interacting with other components of the French government and preparing meetings relating to cooperation in combating international terrorism.

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The objective of the program would be for her to have first hand contact with the U.S. criminal justice system in order to strengthen her knowledge base and gain a deeper understanding of our system. This will in turn aid in the execution of U.S. requests for extradition and mutual legal assistance from the U.S. to France. By solidifying her relationship with the U.S. law enforcement community, we will be able to strengthen our relationship with an important player in the French law enforcement community. This program would provide an understanding of the U.S. criminal justice system and review how its principles are applied to the prosecution of international crime. It would introduce the roles and responsibilities of key law enforcement and prosecutorial institutes at the international, federal, state and local levels and the ways in which they cooperate to deter organized crime. It would also examine major international crime issues that affect U.S.-Europe relations and foster greater international cooperation in combating criminal activity

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Arrangement for appointments is requested.

to be continued in "Post Recommendations"

Participants: na

Rank Order: na

Post Recommendations: Post objectives and recommendations  
(part two out of 2)

#### NOMINEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are some of the issues Mrs. Sylvie Petit-Leclair would like to explore with her interlocutors:

International cooperation:

- International cooperation in criminal matters, including transfers of prosecution
- International prisoner transfer

- Extradition.

Organized crime:

- Means for successfully penetrating and investigating OC groups.
- Electronic surveillance
- Undercover operations
- Controlled delivery

Cyber-crime:

- Procedures for investigating

Child abuse and abduction:

- Amber alerts and other means for alerting authorities to child abduction.
- Intervention of private associations.
- Management of victims.

Terrorism:

- Procedure.
- Special investigative techniques.

Property crimes and money laundering :

- Management of seized property.
- Freezing procedure.
- Forfeiture procedure.
- Disposal of forfeited property.

Serial killers-rapists etc.:

- Methods of profiling.

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY IN THE U.S.

Structure and organization of the U.S. criminal law and justice system and institutions.

Powers and competences at all levels: federal, states, local - of all actors of influence.

Projected time for trip: 10 business days.

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Day 12: Arrival in France

Other interests:

The Center for State Courts Work in Williamsburg.

Visit to a prison.

An evening with the New York or Washington Police Department.

A trial or a debate at the Court of Appeal.

Project Status: Nominated

Project Last Uploaded Date: 01/26/2007

Project Last Uploaded By: EVDB

Nominee Report:

Interested in Media Coverage: N

Public Speaking: N

Post Recommendations:

Visitor Recommendations:

Funding Country: France-EUR

Home/Hospitality: Y

Home Stays: N

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